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HISTORY OF PLANT

1. The plant was constructed in 1934 and was known as the Siebel Plant, Plant No. 3. The main Siebel Plant was located in Halle. At that time, Plant No. 3 carried out the final assembly and testing of aircraft (after 1938, the JU-88), of which 60-80 were produced monthly. This production continued until the end of World War II. The plant sustained considerable World War II damage, the only building remaining intact being the present refrigerator and compressor assembly shop (5). Reconstruction began in 1948 and was completed in its present form by the first quarter of 1949.
2. The plant, which covers an area 350 x 260 meters, is 200 miles north of the Halle-Leipzig railroad line.
3. All buildings are of gray plastered stone construction unless otherwise specified.
(See Enclosure (A).)

Point 1. Machine Shop, 50 x 30 x 10-12 meters, it has a saw-tooth roof and skylights. It is equipped with 20-25 German (Boehrerger, Niles, VDF) lathes of various sizes, largest, 1 1/2 meters distance between centers, smallest, 1/2 meters distance between centers; two new German (Reinicke) vertical milling machines; one old German vertical milling machine; five prewar model German (Reinicke) horizontal milling machines; one old German horizontal boring mill with 60 millimeters drilling capacity; one new German (Berliner Werkzeugmaschinenfabrik), model 1950, radial drill press, 100

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millimeters drilling capacity; six small, old model, column drill presses, 28-30 millimeters drilling capacity; one pre-war German honing machine, capacity up to 50 millimeters diameter; three 32-ton eccentric presses and one 100-ton eccentric press, used for pressing out small parts for refrigerator construction; and two arc welding units. It employs 40-45 workers on main shift, 20 workers on night shift, and manufactures machine compressor parts primarily.

- Point 2. Carpenter shop, 50 x 30 x 10-12 meters. It has a saw-tooth roof and skylights. It is equipped with two circular saws, one parallel saw (Besaumsaage); one straightening machine (Abrichtmaschine); one groove milling machine (Kettenfraesmaschine); two band saws; one glue furnace; two drying ovens, capacity 10-12 cbm of lumber; two table drill presses; and four assembly tables, each 5 meters long. It produces wood parts for refrigerators and assembles wooden framework for refrigerators, and employs a total of 50-60 on both shifts.
- Point 3. Storage shed, 20 x 8 x 3 meters, it is of wood construction with tar paper saddle roof. It stores compressor parts.
- Point 4. Paint shop and former apprentice shop, 40 x 20 x 20 meters, it is two stories with a tar paper saddle roof. The paint shop on the first floor is equipped with one spray cabin where small refrigerator parts are spray-painted, and an open section where finished refrigerators are spray-painted. It employs a total of 15 workers on two shifts. The second floor, now empty, formerly contained an apprentice shop. The machines were moved to the former Aurora Plant.
- Point 5. Refrigerator and compressor assembly shop, 100 x 60 x 20 meters, it has a saw-tooth roof with skylights. The roof is in poor condition. The skylights have many panes of glass missing and have been covered with tar paper. The refrigerator assembly section is equipped with two manually operated folding presses (Abkantbaenke), one 1 meter long, the other 2 meters long; six small table drill presses up to 10 millimeters drilling capacity; and six workbenches varying from 5-10 meters in length, equipped with vises. This section assembles refrigerators. The compressor assembly section contains four workbenches varying from 5-10 meters in length, and two table drill presses. Two sections employ a total of 200-250 workers on one shift. On the long side of the shop are two galleries, one of which stores finished assembly parts purchased from an outside source; the other finished assembly parts are manufactured by the plant proper. On the south side of the building, on the same level as the galleries, is a closed-in section containing administrative offices, including technical, wage, planning, norm and director's offices.
- Point 6. Central heating plant, 25 x 15 meters, 10 meters above and 10 meters below ground level, it is of clinker-brick construction with a flat tar paper roof with a gabled section in the center. It is equipped with two coal-fired boilers located underground. Coal is stored on the floor above. Poor quality brown coal is conveyed to the lower level via elevator.

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- Point 7.** Mess hall, kitchen and purchasing department, a U-shaped building, long side 50 meters, two short sides 25 meters, 5 meters high, of raw clinker-brick construction with tar paper saddle roof. A mess hall (a), 30 x 15 x 5 meters is used by workers and administrative personnel. It is also used for plant meetings and parties. The kitchen (b) is 25 x 10 x 5 meters. It also contains an office for kitchen supervisory personnel. Purchasing department (c), 25 x 10 x 5 meters.
- Point 8.** Apprentice school, 40 x 10x5 meters, it is tar paper covered with a saddle or shed roof. It is equipped with classrooms where 130 apprentices receive theoretical training. It employs two full-time instructors, who are, however, only about 20 years old, not competent, but hired because of their FDJ connections.
- Point 9.** Sales store (Konsum) and dispensary, 10 x 5 x 3 meters. They are of raw clinker-brick construction with a flat tar paper roof. The sales store (a) sells cigarettes, bakery goods, beer, and miscellaneous food items for plant personnel. The dispensary (b), is staffed with one doctor, who is on duty in the forenoon, from nearby Bergmannswohl Municipal Hospital, also two medical assistants who alternate on the day and night shift. The supply of medicines and bandaging material is not adequate.
- Point 10.** Guardhouse and telephone switchboard, 5 x 5 x 3 meters, it is made of raw clinker-brick construction with a flat tar paper roof. It is staffed with two gatekeepers who alternate on shifts, one messenger boy to take visitors to the plant, and one female telephone operator who handles incoming-outgoing calls.
- Point 11.** Motor pool, garage, and auto repair shop, it is 50 x 5 x 3.5 meters, with tar paper shed roof. It contains three passenger cars (two Adler, one Opel) and two trucks (one Opel-Blitz and one small unidentified delivery truck). The passenger cars are used for administrative personnel, and trucks for local deliveries. Outside of the garage are two old trucks, one 2 1/2-ton, the second 3-ton, each with a flat trailer, and one prime mover, used for transportation of finished products. The auto repair shop has primitive equipment and can make only minor repairs. The installation employs a total of 25 workers.
- Point 12.** Repair machine shop and sheet metal storage and cutting shop. The repair machine shop (a) is L-shaped, 30 meters on the long side, 10 meters on the short side, 3 meters high, with a tar paper saddle roof. It is equipped with workbenches, one band saw, one planer's bench, one small table drill press, one arc welding unit, and one sewing machine. It repairs plant machinery, furniture, and workers' clothing, and employs ten workers. The sheet metal storage and cutting shop (b), 10 x 10 x 3 meters, is not yet fully completed.

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At present, it is of rough framework construction, with tar paper shed roof and will be covered later with wooden planks. It is equipped with two metal cutting shears, one with a blade length of one meter and cutting capacity of one millimeter, the second with two meters blade length and three millimeters cutting capacity; one press brake, 1 1/2 meter long, cuts metal up to three millimeters thick. At present, it stores five tons of sheet metal. Normally very little sheet metal can be stored owing to irregular deliveries.

Point 13. Water basin, 30 x 10, 4 meters deep, it is of stone block construction filled in with tar. It is used for fire-fighting purposes.

Point 14. Plant transformer station. An unknown amount of voltage is received via high tension lines from an unknown source and is transformed to 220 v and 380 v AC at the plant transformer station. The latter building is 4 x 3 meters, 2 - 2.5 meters underground, with the top seeded with grass, and a ladder entrance. It is equipped with two transformers. An underground cable leads from the transformer station into the plant. I have no further details.

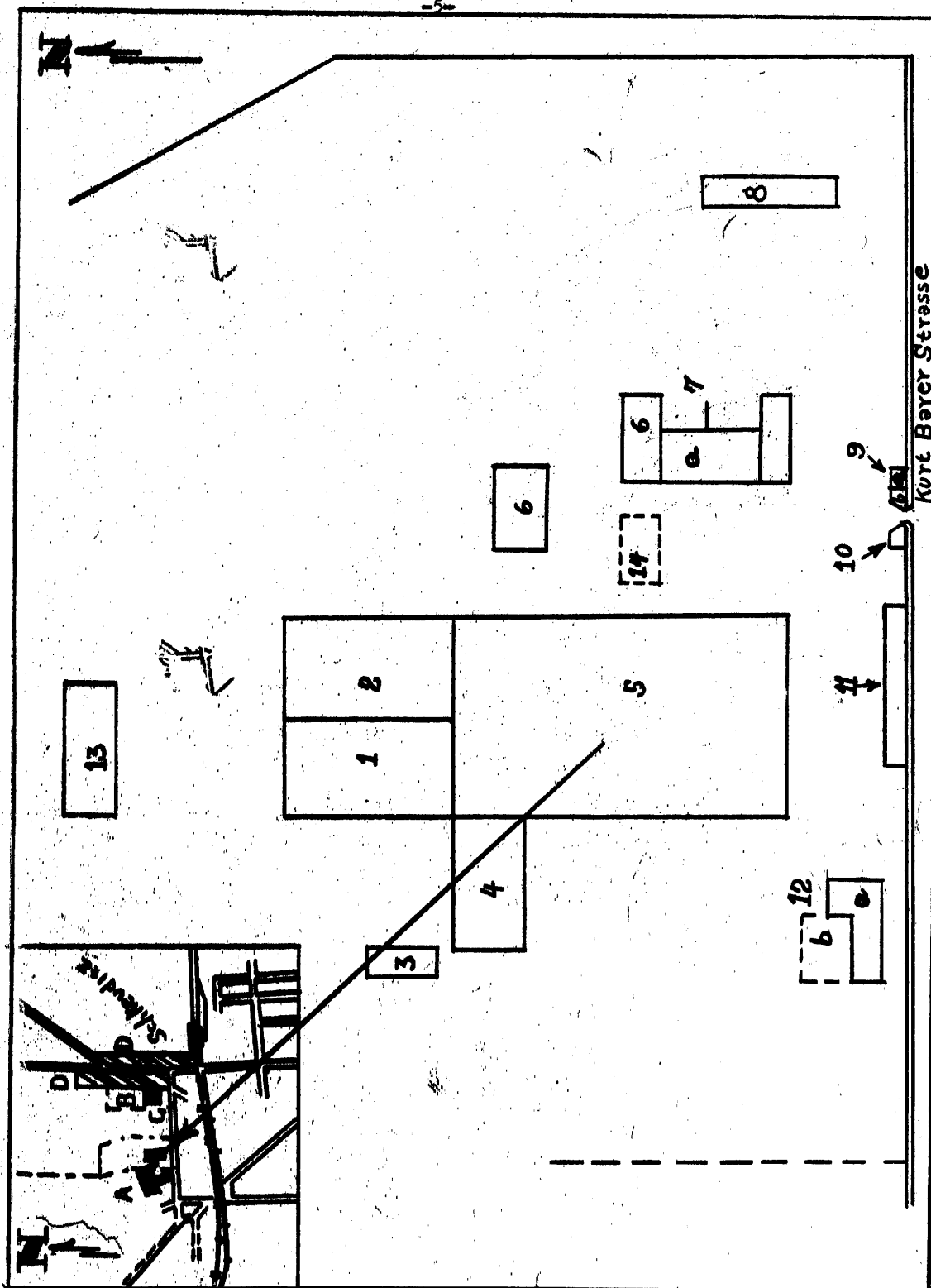
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4. The plant is bordered on the south side by a three-meter high stone wall, on the west side by a mesh wire fence 2.5 meters high, and on the east side by a stone wall 2.5 meters high. The north area of the plant is open. The uniformed plant police consist of five men and one woman. The men are armed with pistols and patrol the plant area alternating on three 8-hour shifts. The night patrols are accompanied by a German shepherd dog. The female guard spot-checks female employees. Visitors and plant personnel are checked when entering and leaving plant by a gatekeeper in the guardhouse. Each employee has a plant identification card with photograph which must be shown to guard. On back of this card is room for four stickers which are issued quarterly. Each employee must have the proper sticker for the respective quarterly period.
5. The fire department consists of 20-25 volunteer firemen from the plant personnel. One small pump unit is in the garage. Each building is equipped with Minimax fire extinguishers and sand buckets.

ENCLOSURE (4) SCHKEUDITZ Refrigerator Manufacturing Plant

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ENCLOSURE (A)

**SCHKEUDITZ REFRIGERATOR
MANUFACTURING PLANT**

LEGEND:

Plant

1. Machine shop
2. Carpenter shop
3. Storage shed
4. Paint shop and former apprentice shop
5. Refrigerator and compressor assembly shop
6. Central heating plant
7. Mess hall, kitchen, and purchasing department
 - a. Mess hall
 - b. Kitchen
 - c. Purchasing department
8. Apprentice school
9. Sales store and dispensary
 - a. Sales store
 - b. Dispensary
10. Guardhouse and telephone switchboard
11. Motor pool, garage, and auto repair shop
12. Repair machine shop and sheet metal storage and cutting shop
 - a. Repair machine shop
 - b. Sheet metal storage and cutting shop
13. Water basin
14. Transformer station.

AREA:

- A. Former Lufthansa administration building
- B. Athletic field
- C. Enke Pump Plant
- D. Apartment houses

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